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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 13 through 25 with the following paragraph:

Despite numerous attempts including those described above, there remains a need for a mass-produced hearing instrument that is relatively inexpensive, readily adaptable to an individual's anatomical and audiological requirements, and that is inconspicuous and lightweight. It has been discovered that the development of a prosthetic device that occupies the



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Preliminary Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					
X	\$ 9	\$		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X	\$40	\$			
+	\$135	\$			
OR					
X	\$18	\$ 0		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X	\$80	\$ 0			
+	\$270	\$			

\* not fewer than 20

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[X ] A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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